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SUBJECT: "WASHINGTON POST" STORY ON U.S.-ISRAELI BILATERAL
UNDERSTANDINGS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

GENEVA FOR DEPASSTSEC HAROLD SAUNDERS

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM A CIRCULAR
TELEGRAM CONTAINING GUIDANCE FOR DEAL-NG WITH ANY QUERIES
STIMULATED BY SEPT 16 "WASHINGTON POST" STORY CARRYING
TEXT OF WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS U.S.-ISRAELI MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT EGYPTIAN-
ISRAELI AGREEMENT. THERE IS ONE PARAGRAPH IN "WASHINGTON
POST" STORY RELATING TO JORDAN WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHARES THE ISRAELI POSI-
TION THAT UNDER EXISTING POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH JORDAN WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD AN OVERALL PEACE
SETTLEMENT. UNQUOTE

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2. IF REPEAT IF JORDANIANS QUERY YOU ABOUT THIS, YOU
SHOULD NOTE QUALIFYING PHRASE QUOTE UNDER EXISTING POLITICAL
CIRCUMSTANCES, UNQUOTE WHICH CLEARLY HAS REFERENCE TO CIR-
CUMSTANCES CREATED BY RABAT SUMMIT DECISION AND KEEPS OP-
TIONS OPEN FOR THE FUTURE SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. SISCO

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